



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on November 16, 2022, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Anika Kulkarni called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 12 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Eileen Tran	Joshua Wei	
District 2	Emily Gao		
District 3	Anika Kulkarni	Vaibhavi Kulkarni*	Ivan Zhang
District 4	Agata Bak	Sairama Nisitha Kakulapati*	
District 5	Pramath Doddaballapur	Daphne Zhu	
District 6	Nilansh (Neil) Dey Ghosh	Nancy Malu Romero Ordoñez*	
District 7	Maitreya Banerjee	Oded Bronicki	Patrick Van Kerckhove*

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ana Torrico	
District 2	Niharika Koduru	Danica Kubota
District 5	Daniel Shih	
District 6	Jonathan Lopez	

*Youth Commission Members arrived as indicated below.

Valley Water Board Representative in attendance was: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Noemi (Emi) Agagianian, Glenna Brambill, Andrew (Andy) Gschwind, Janet Hedley, Nick Ingram, Perla Montes De Oca, Rene Moreno, Clarissa Sangalang, Sherilyn Tran, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Guest in attendance was: David Plettner-Saunders (Cultural Planning Group).

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Glenna Brambill administered the Oath of Office to 1 Youth Commissioner:
Bryan Blair (District 4).

4. INTRODUCTIONS/INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY:

Director Nai Hsueh (District 5) welcomed the commissioners.

*Sairama Nisitha Kakulapati arrived at 6:12 p.m.

*Vaibhavi Kulkarni arrived at 6:15 p.m.

*Patrick Van Kerchove arrived at 6:20 p.m.

*Nancy Malu Romero Ordonez arrived at 6:24 p.m.

Janet Hedley, Noemi (Emi) Agagianian and Perla Montes De Oca led the watershed map activity showing how land and water interact. Also emphasized Valley Water's mission is to provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy. The Commissioners modeled a watershed using paper and shared their observations.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Sherilyn Tran and Kirsten Yasukawa reported on:

- Valley Water Board approved \$2 million for the Low-Income Residential Water Rate Assistance Program to help families pay water bills. Valley Water partnered with Sacred Heart Community Service to implement the program and continue providing this critical service to low-income households in Santa Clara County. (flyer in 4 languages English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese was given the commissioners to help spread the word)
- Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Grants/Partnerships Program is year-round, 2 grant opportunities:
 - ✓County \$5,000 per grant towards the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a water refill station of your choice
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 - ✓Mini grants program small \$5,000 grants that are related to water conservation, environmental stewardship and flood protection located within Santa Clara County. Grants information is at our website:
<https://www.valleywater.org/learning-center/grants-partnerships>

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Maitreya Banerjee, seconded by Sairama Nisitha Kakulapati, and unanimously carried, to approve the August 24, 2022, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

7. AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 BROWN ACT OVERVIEW AND TRAINING

Andrew (Andy) Gschwind reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission discussed the following: brown act violations, serial meetings, quorum issues, and agenda processing.

Glenna Brambill, Director Nai Hsueh and Nicholas Ingram were available to answer questions. The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action.

7.2 SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION ORIENTATION

Glenna Brambill and Sherilyn Tran reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda consisting of their roles, responsibilities, meeting conduct, other expectations, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action.

7.3 RECEIVE INFORMATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON VALLEY WATER'S PUBLIC ART STRATEGIC PLAN

Rene Moreno and David Plettner-Saunders reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission discussed the following: benches, murals, public arts projects, paint days, displays that draw attention to Valley Water's mission statement and getting the community involved.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action, however, did provide some valuable feedback on the Plan.

7.4 UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS

Sherilyn Tran reminded Youth Commission Members to sign up for a working group, the launching on the new campaign with social media posts and the featured photos.

Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group (YCSNWG):

Janet Hedley-Staff Lead, getting involved with the network, social media, and following on Instagram.

Public Art Working Group (PAWG):

Rene Moreno-Staff Lead

Creek Stewardship Working Group (CSWG):

Nicholas (Nick) Ingram-Staff Lead

Job Shadow/Mentoring Working Group (JSMWG):

Perla Montes De Oca-Staff Lead

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action.

7.5 REVIEW AND DISCUSS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, AND PROPOSE THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action.

8. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items for Board consideration.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Anika Kulkarni adjourned 8:36 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 1-18-2023